said introducer sheath containing said self expanding spring assembly in said compressed state when said spring assembly is positioned in said longitudinal bore of said introducer sheath, said self expanding spring assembly radially expanding said graft to substantially conform said graft at a particular position on an interior wall of a lumen after said prosthesis assembly has been positioned in the lumen and said self expanding spring assembly has been released from said compressed state,] said transluminal arrangement comprising:

means [positioned in said bore of said graft] for retaining said prosthesis assembly at the particular position in the lumen, said prosthesis assembly including a graft having a longitudinal bore and a self expanding spring assembly having a compressed state, said means for retaining being positioned in said bore of said graft, said introducer sheath containing said self expanding spring assembly in said compressed state when said spring assembly is positioned in said introducer sheath, said self expanding spring assembly radially expanding said graft to substantially conform said graft at a particular position on an interior wall of a lumen after said prosthesis assembly has been positioned in the lumen and said self expanding spring assembly has been released from said compressed state; and

means for releasing said prosthesis assembly from said retaining means when positioned at the particular position in the lumen.

Cancel claim 30.

Amend claim 40 as follows:

~~40.~~ 24 (Amended) An arrangement for transluminally positioning a prosthesis assembly at a particular position on an internal wall of a lumen, said assembly comprising a graft associated with self expanding spring apparatus

having a compressed state, said arrangement comprising an outer sheath having a longitudinal bore for surrounding the said assembly when the latter is at the said particular position, said [introducer] outer sheath containing said self expanding spring apparatus in said compressed state when said spring apparatus is positioned in said longitudinal bore of said [introducer] outer sheath, means for restraining axial movement of the prosthesis assembly during at least partial removal of the outer sheath, and means for disabling the restraining means after the outer sheath has been withdrawn from the self expanding spring apparatus and released said self expanding spring apparatus from said compressed state and the prosthesis assembly has self expanded to the said internal wall.

Fig (cont.)

Remarks

In the Office action of September 1, 1994, Paper No. 21, claims 1, 2, 5, 9-11, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-40 are pending of which claims 1, 2, 9-11, 16, 17, and 20 are allowable and claims 24, 26-35, 37, 39 and 40 are rejected. In particular, claims 29 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter sought to be patented. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Choudhury reference. Claims 24, 26-28, 31-35, 39 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the Inoue (WO 91/12047) reference. Claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Inoue reference in view of the Choudhury reference. Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Choudhury reference in view of the Kreamer reference. Claims 36 and 38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim,